

Of the \$3,704.54, reported as in the hands of agents, about \$2500 is due from defaulting agents. The bonds are good, and suits have been brought upon them; and these defalcations may have occurred several years ago. I don't think the contractors will realize more than 10 per cent. on their contracts.

W. W. ROLLINS.

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SALISBURY, N. C., December 29th, 1876.

Phillip P. Meroney, being sworn and examined, deposeseth and saith:

The Western North Carolina Railroad Company is indebted to Meroney & Bro. in the sum of \$259.62. The company has been trading with us for castings, etc., during the present administration, and no payment has been made to us for bills later than July, 1876. The bills have been promptly presented, and repeated demands have been made upon the company for payment, without effect. I applied in person to Mr. Rollins about our account, and he replied that it was all the fault of Erwin, the treasurer, and that there was plenty of money on hand to pay the debts of the company; and upon complaining to Col. Tate, he told me that there were plenty of funds to pay with, and that it was the fault of Mr. Rollins. We made application to the treasurer to have the freight bills due from us to the company allowed as payments on our accounts against the company, but we never received any reply to our letter.

PHILLIP P. MERONEY.